Section-by-Section Summary H.R. 7105 – DELIVER Act, as amended (Rep. Levin)

Section 101: H.R. 7105, Homeless Veteran Coronavirus Response Act

- Allows VA to use existing homelessness funds to provide transportation, food, shelter, telecommunications
 equipment and services, clothing, blankets, hygiene items, and other items for homeless veterans during the
 COVID-19 emergency.
- Authorizes VA to collaborate with outside organizations to manage the use of its property, buildings, or other facilities as temporary shelter locations during the COVID-19 emergency.
- Establishes the maximum Grant and Per Diem (GPD) per diem rate during the COVID-19 emergency to 300 percent of the rate authorized for state homes for domiciliary care. The CARES Act authorized VA to waive limits on per diem rates during the COVID-19 emergency.
- Authorizes GPD providers to use per diem payments during the COVID-19 emergency to provide assistance such
 as food, shelter, clothing, blankets, and hygiene items to homeless veterans, as well as formerly homeless
 veterans residing in a facility operated by a GPD recipient.
- Authorizes VA to provide GPD payments for additional transitional housing beds without notice or competition during the COVID-19 emergency.
- Authorizes VA to waive GPD or Compensated Work Therapy Transitional Residence (CWT-TR) inspection and life safety code requirements during the COVID-19 emergency if the facility meets applicable local safety requirements to allow grantees to quickly identify temporary alternate sites, facilitate social distancing or isolation, or facilitate activation of continuation of a program.
- Requires VA to ensure veterans participating in VA homeless programs have access to VA telehealth services for
 which they are eligible during the COVID-19 public health emergency, including by ensuring such capabilities are
 available to veterans, case managers, and community providers participating in VA homeless programs.

Section 102: H.R. 2398, Veteran HOUSE Act

- Allows veterans that were discharged under Other Than Honorable (OTH) conditions or served less than 24 months to access HUD-VASH resources, thus aligning with eligibility for VA's other key veteran homelessness programs GPD and Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF).
- Requires VA to report to Congress annually on its homelessness services.

Section 103: H.R. 3749, Legal Services for Homeless Veterans Act

- Directs VA to enter into partnerships with organizations that provide legal services to homeless veterans, or veterans at risk for homelessness.
- Requires that not less than 10 percent of such funds go to women veterans.

Section 104: H.R. 2924, Housing for Women Veterans Act

 Requires VA to complete an analysis of its programs that provide assistance to women veterans who are homeless or precariously housed to identify the areas in which such programs are failing to meet their needs, and submit a report to Congress.

Section 105: H.R. 8275, Reducing Veteran Homelessness Act and H.R. 95, Homeless Veteran Families Act

- Eliminates the GPD payment ceiling, and instead states that VA shall determine the payment rate, which may
 not be lower than the amount in effect immediately preceding enactment or exceed 115 percent of the rate
 authorized for state homes for domiciliary care. VA may determine rates on the basis of locality.
- Allows VA to reimburse GPD providers for 50 percent of the costs of housing minor dependents of homeless veterans while the veteran receives services from the provider.
- Allows VA to also reimburse GPD grant recipients for fees charged to use the homeless management information system.

Section 106: Repeals the September 30, 2020 sunset on VA's authority to carry out a program of referral and counseling services to veterans at risk of homelessness who are transitioning from certain institutions with respect to federal and state benefits and services.

Section 107: Allows VA to enter into a memorandum of understanding with HHS under which the Indian Health Service (IHS) may provide case management to veterans under the Tribal HUD-VASH program.

Section 108: H.R. 8275, Reducing Veteran Homelessness Act

Requires the directors of VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) who had more than 15 percent of vouchers for the prior
fiscal year go unused due to a lack of case management and have a case manager position that has been vacant
for at least nine consecutive months to seek to enter contracts or agreements for the provision of case
management services to veterans as part of HUD-VASH.

Section 109: Requires VA to submit a report to Congress within 180 days of enactment and every three years thereafter regarding HUD-VASH staffing.

Section 201: H.R. 7111, Veterans Economic Recovery Act

Creates a rapid retraining program to provide certain unemployed veterans and reservists with 12 months of
educational benefits to pursue training in high-demand occupations. The rapid retraining program education
benefits would be equivalent to the Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and would be in addition to other education
benefits.

Section 202: H.R. 2326, Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer William "Bill" Mulder (Ret.) Transition Improvement Act of 2019

• Allows access for DOL and VA to the Federal Directory of New Hires.

Section 203: H.R. 5766, <u>VET TEC Expansion Act</u>

- Expands VET TEC eligibility to servicemembers who would become eligible for VA educational assistance within
 six months of their application date but allows VA to require repayment if the veteran does anything to become
 ineligible. Further, it excludes those individuals from receiving the VET TEC program's monthly housing
 allowance.
- Removes the requirement that providers in the VET TEC program have been operational for more than two years. It replaces this with a requirement that providers employ "instructors whom the Secretary determines are experts in their respective fields."
- Allows part-time VET TEC students to receive a housing stipend.
- Increases funding for VET TEC from \$15 million to \$45 million.
- Prohibits VA from count VET TEC against a veteran's 48-month aggregate cap on educational benefits.

Sections 204-207: H.R. 2326, Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer William "Bill" Mulder (Ret.) Transition Improvement Act of 2019

- Reauthorizes the Transaction Assistance Program's (TAP) expired pilot for off-base classes for five years and expands it to at least 50 locations in 20 states with high rates of veteran unemployment.
- Directs VA to make grants to eligible organizations that specialize in providing assistance to servicemembers
 who are separated, retired, or discharged and their spouses. Grantees must provide resume assistance,
 interview training, job recruitment training, and related services leading directly to successful transition as
 determined by VA.
- Requires VA to conduct an independent assessment of the effectiveness of TAP in coordination with DoD and other federal agencies.
- Requires VA to conduct a longitudinal study on changes to TAP in coordination with DoD and other federal
 agencies.

Section 208: Temporarily increases VA home loan fees on refinances (this would not apply to initial loans). The fee is currently 0.50 percent of the loan and would shift to 0.85 percent until October 1, 2026.